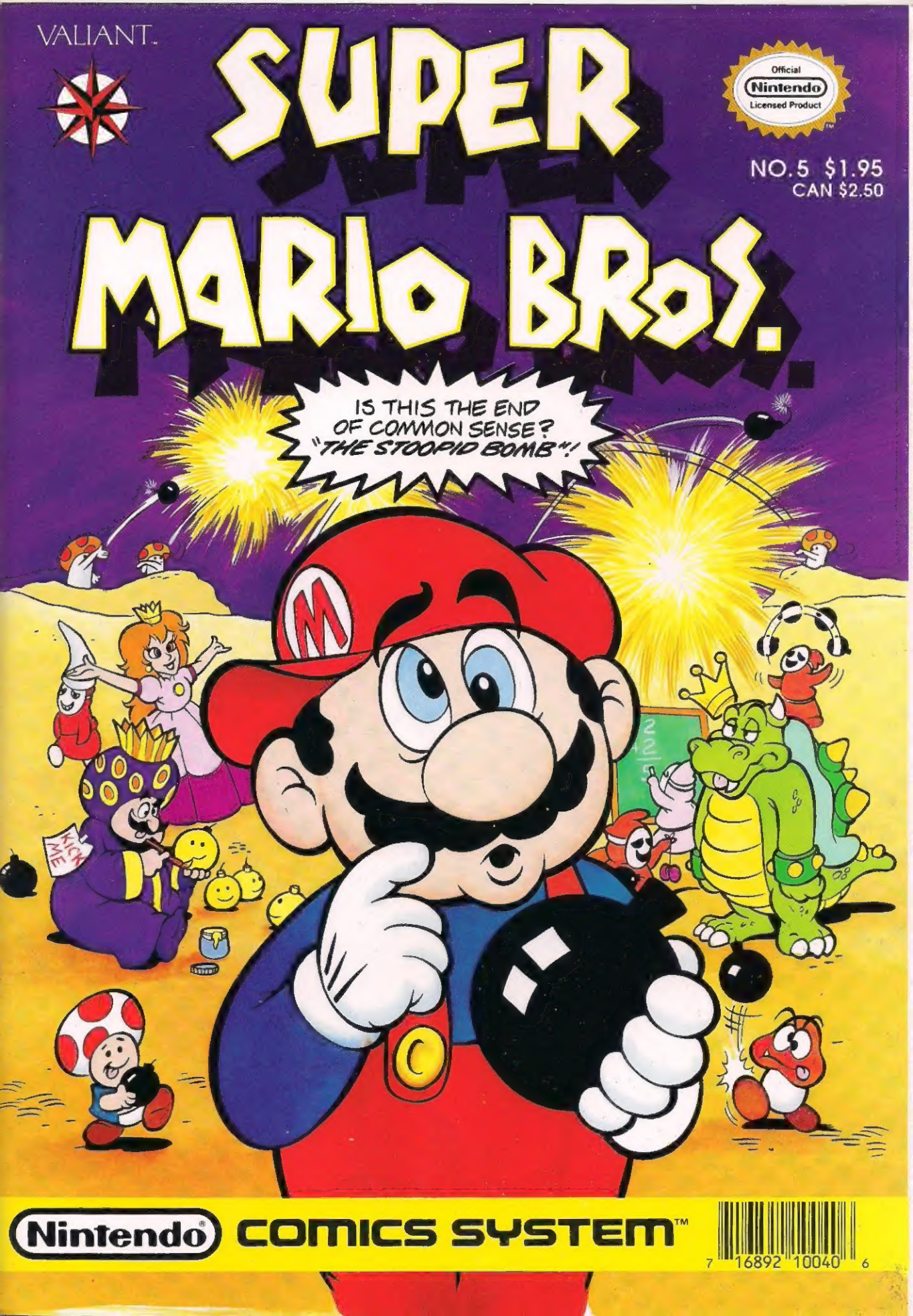
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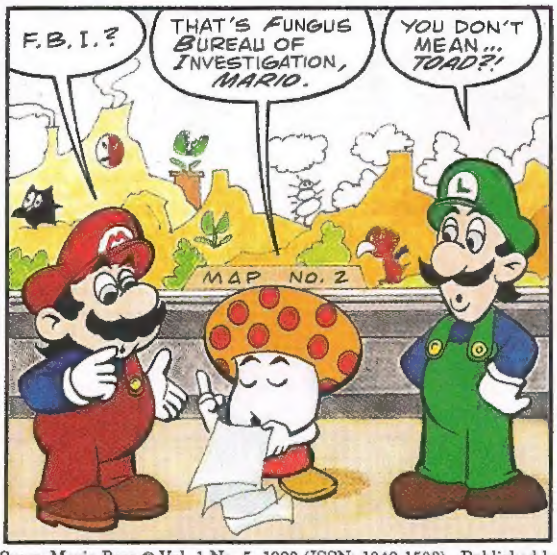

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MEANWHILE, IN KING KOOPA'S CASTLE...
YOUR COLA, SIRE.
'BOUT TIME!!!
KOOPA KOLA
KOOPA! THE ULTIMATE WEAPON IS READY!
'BOUT TIME.
WE'RE IN TROUBLE!
EXACTLY HOW DO YOU WORK THE BOMB?
YOU THROW IT.
PTEWWW!! WHAT IS THIS?!!!
I DIDN'T ORDER KOOPA KOLA PLAIN-- I WANTED KOOPA KOLA CRUNCHY!!!
THIS STUPID BOMB WILL MAKE ANYONE REAAAAALLY STUPID FOR HOURS.
HEY, WHERE DID YOU GET THIS CRUMMY ROBE? WHAT CHEAP MATERIAL! WHAT SHODDY WORKMANSHIP!
I BOUGHT IT YESTERDAY AT THE KOOPA-MART.
YOU LOOK TIRED. LET ME HOLD THAT FOR YOU.
THANKS! YOU'RE A PAL.
YOU'RE A DISGRACE TO THE SHYGUY UNIFORM! STAND UP WHILE I'M YELLING AT YOU, YOU LIMP WIMP.
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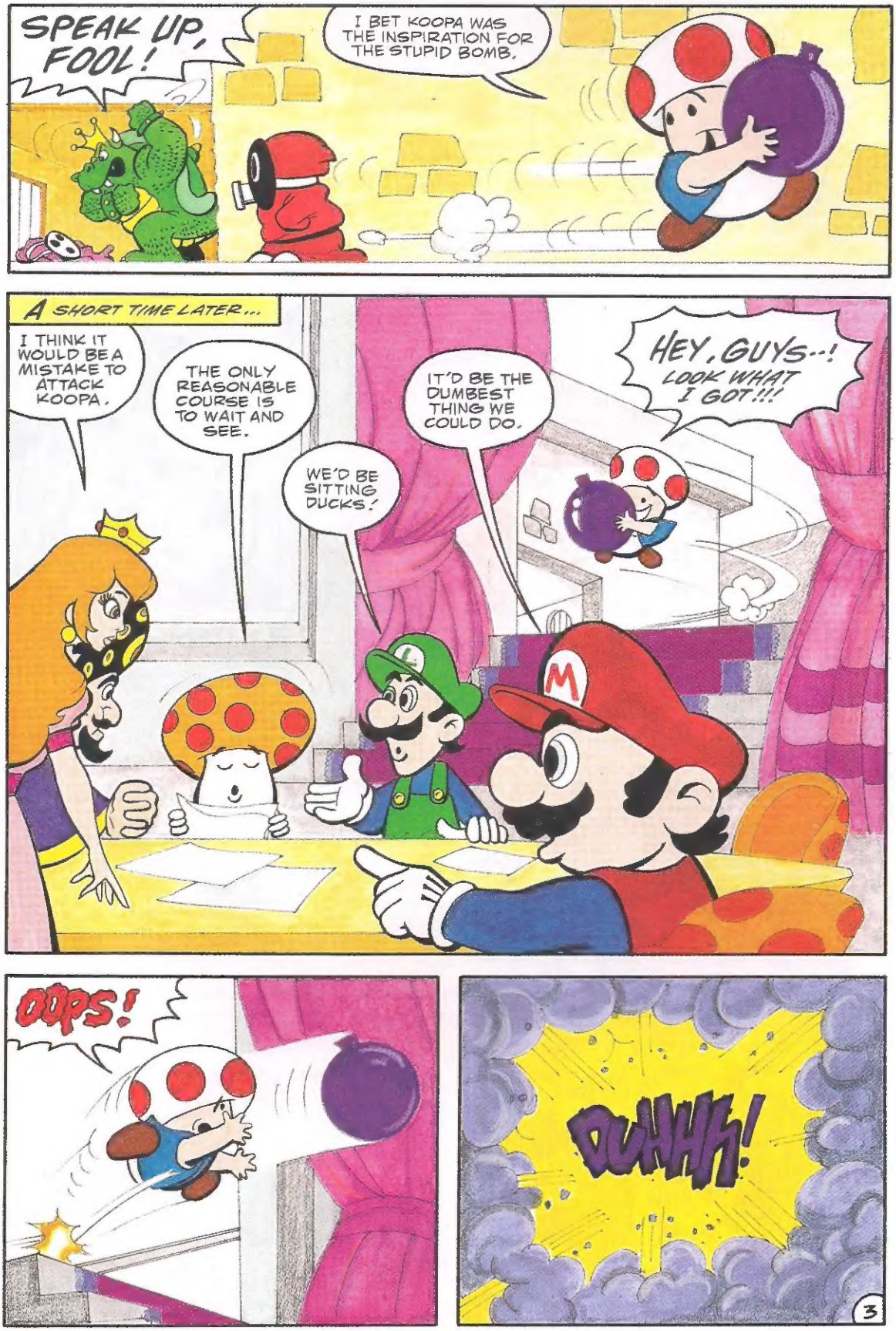
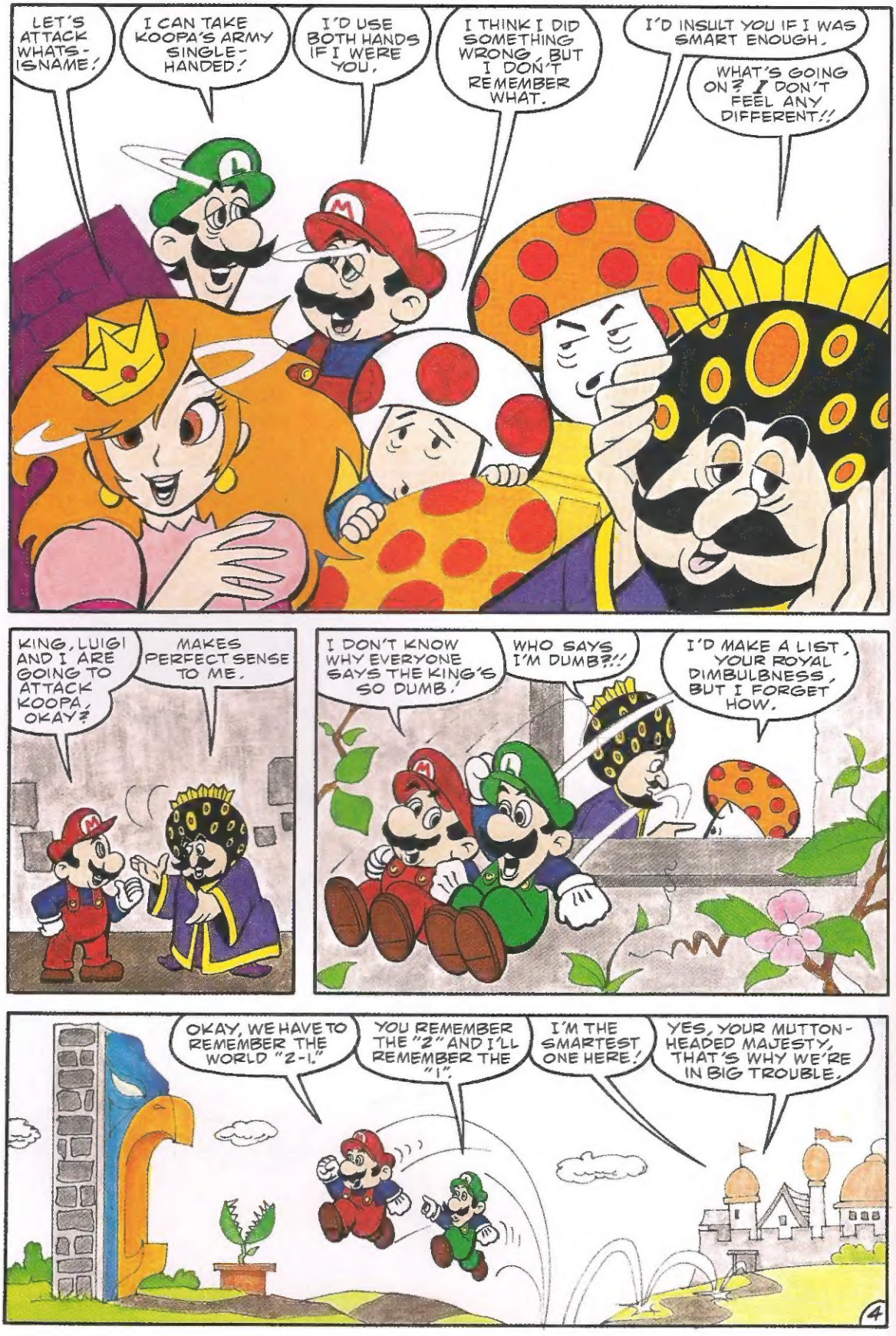

SPEAK UP, FOOL!
I BET KOOPA WAS THE INSPIRATION FOR THE STUPID BOMB.
A SHORT TIME LATER...
I THINK IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO ATTACK KOOPA.
THE ONLY REASONABLE COURSE IS TO WAIT AND SEE.
WE'D BE SITTING DUCKS!
IT'D BE THE DUMBEST THING WE COULD DO.
HEY, GUYS..! LOOK WHAT I GOT!!!
OOPS!
DUHHH!


LET'S ATTACK WHATS-ISNAME!
I CAN TAKE KOOPA'S ARMY SINGLE-HANDED!
I'D USE BOTH HANDS IF I WERE YOU.
I THINK I DID SOMETHING WRONG, BUT I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT.
I'D INSULT YOU IF I WAS SMART ENOUGH.
WHAT'S GOING ON? I DON'T FEEL ANY DIFFERENT!!
KING, LUIGI AND I ARE GOING TO ATTACK KOOPA, OKAY?
MAKES PERFECT SENSE TO ME.
I DON'T KNOW WHY EVERYONE SAYS THE KING'S SO DUMB.
WHO SAYS I'M DUMB?!!
I'D MAKE A LIST, YOUR ROYAL DIMBULBNESS, BUT I FORGET HOW.
OKAY, WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THE WORLD "2-1."
YOU REMEMBER THE "2" AND I'LL REMEMBER THE "1".
I'M THE SMARTEST ONE HERE!
YES, YOUR MUTTON-HEADED MAJESTY, THAT'S WHY WE'RE IN BIG TROUBLE.
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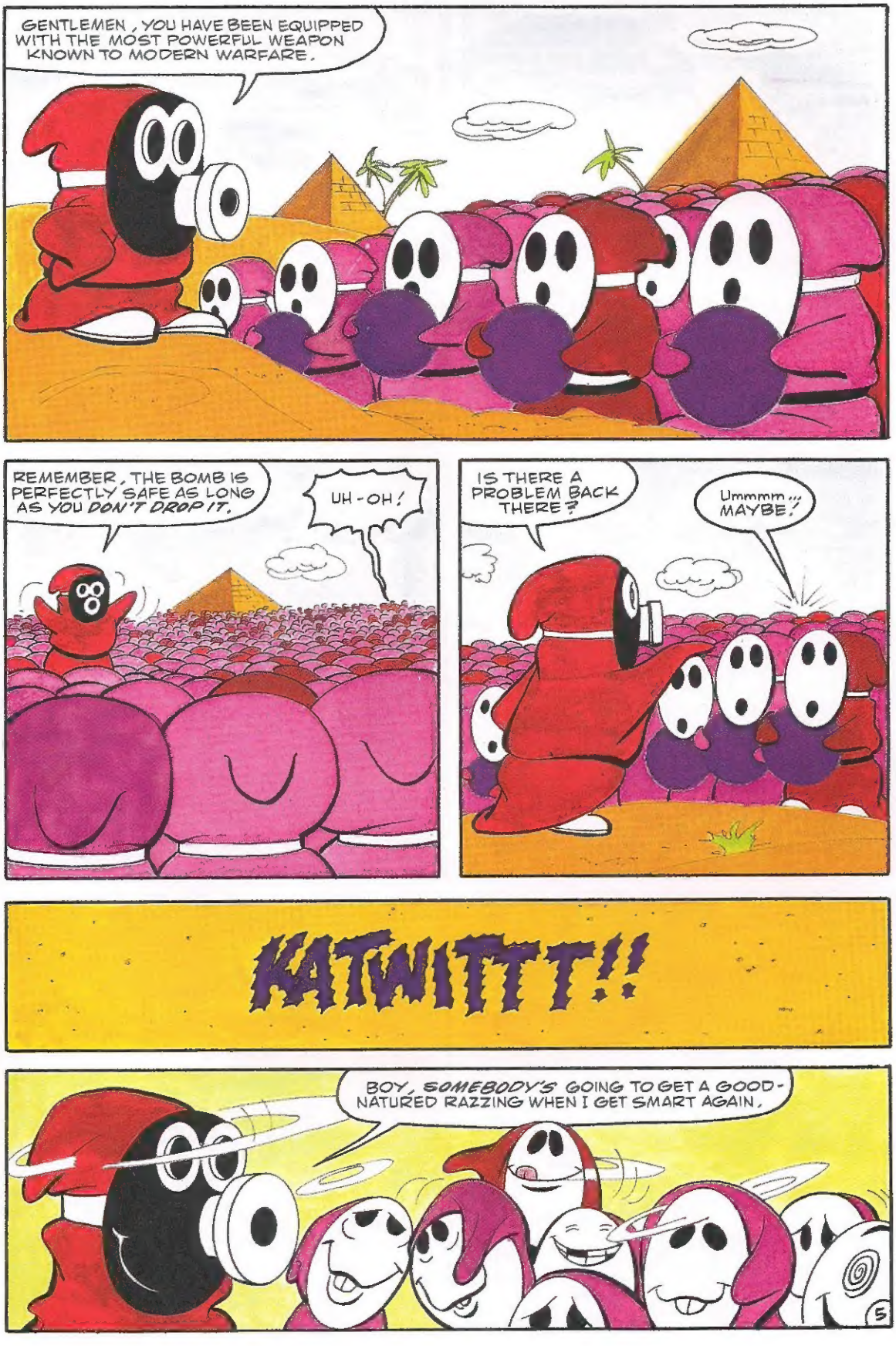
GENTLEMEN, YOU HAVE BEEN EQUIPPED WITH THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON KNOWN TO MODERN WARFARE.
REMEMBER, THE BOMB IS PERFECTLY SAFE AS LONG AS YOU DON'T DROP IT.
UH-OH!
IS THERE A PROBLEM BACK THERE?
Ummmm... MAYBE!
KATWITTT!!
BOY, SOMEBODY'S GOING TO GET A GOOD-NATURED RAZZING WHEN I GET SMART AGAIN.
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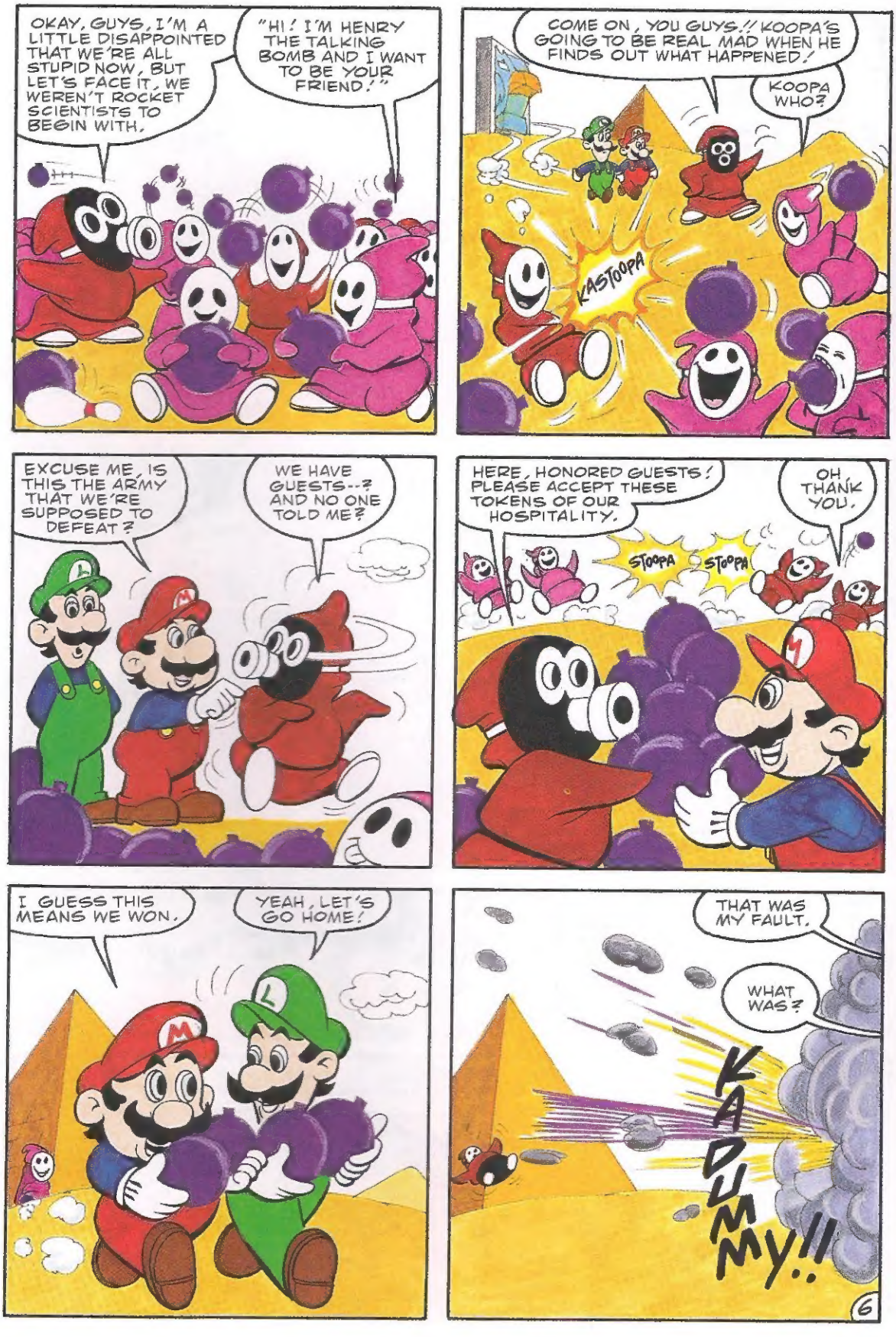
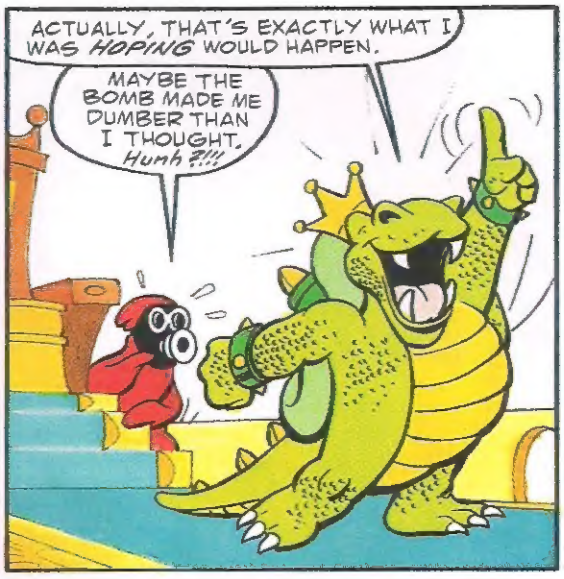
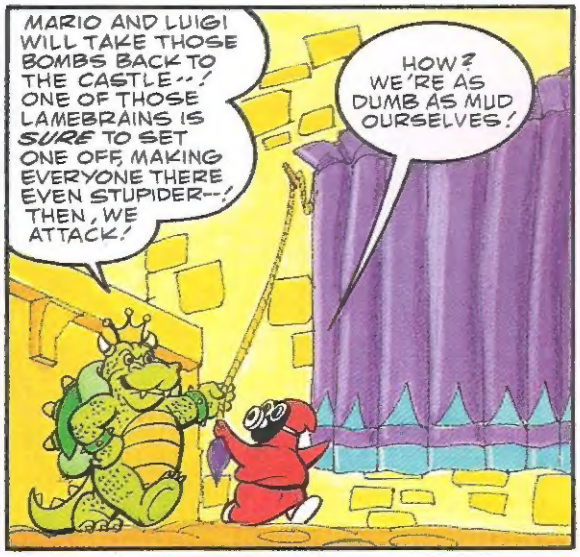
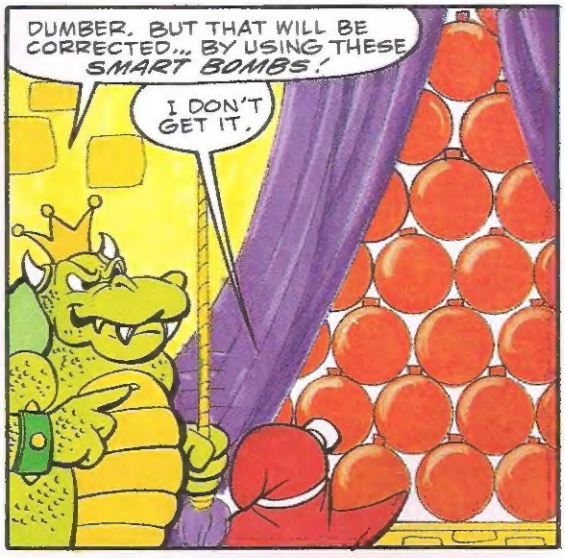
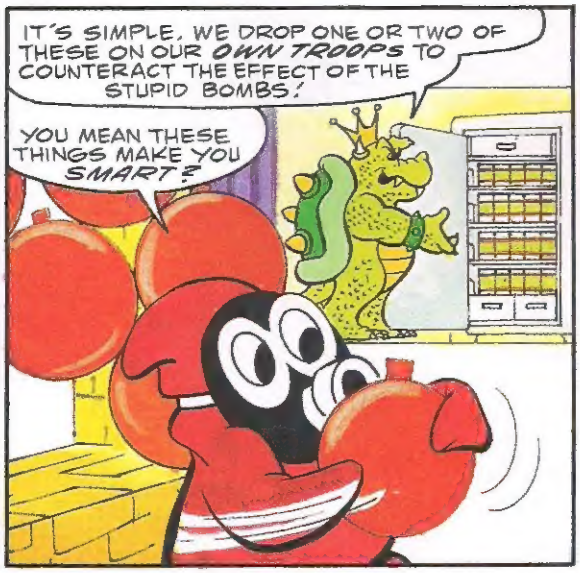

OKAY, GUYS, I'M A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED THAT WE'RE ALL STUPID NOW, BUT LET'S FACE IT, WE WEREN'T ROCKET SCIENTISTS TO BEGIN WITH.
"HI! I'M HENRY THE TALKING BOMB AND I WANT TO BE YOUR FRIEND!"
COME ON, YOU GUYS!! KOOPA'S GOING TO BE REAL MAD WHEN HE FINDS OUT WHAT HAPPENED!
KOOPA WHO?
KASTOOPA
EXCUSE ME, IS THIS THE ARMY THAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DEFEAT?
WE HAVE GUESTS--? AND NO ONE TOLD ME?
HERE, HONORED GUESTS! PLEASE ACCEPT THESE TOKENS OF OUR HOSPITALITY.
OH THANK YOU.
STOOPA
STOOPA
I GUESS THIS MEANS WE WON.
YEAH, LET'S GO HOME!
THAT WAS MY FAULT.
WHAT WAS?
KADUMMY!!
6

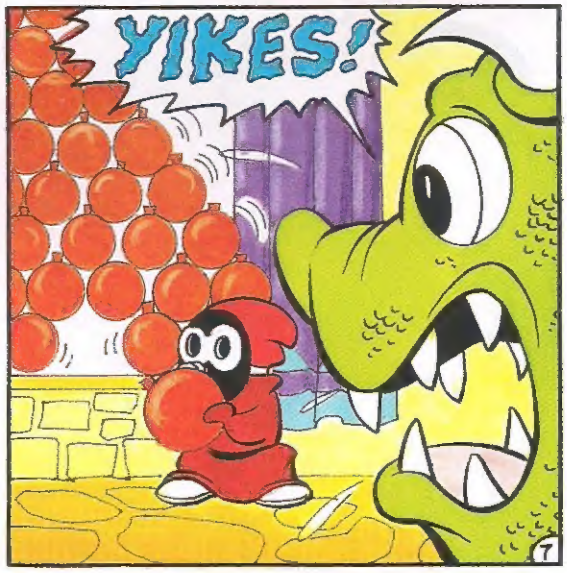
LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT: YOU JUST *HANDED* THE MARIOS SEVERAL STUPID BOMBS AND LET THEM WALK HOME.
I'M PRETTY SURE WE DID... AND SOME OF THE LESS STUPID GUYS SAID THAT WE WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO.


ACTUALLY, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I WAS *HOPING* WOULD HAPPEN.
MAYBE THE BOMB MADE ME DUMBER THAN I THOUGHT. *Hunh?!!!*


MARIO AND LUIGI WILL TAKE THOSE BOMBS BACK TO THE CASTLE--! ONE OF THOSE LAMEBRAINS IS *SURE* TO SET ONE OFF, MAKING EVERYONE THERE EVEN STUPIDER--! THEN, WE ATTACK!
HOW? WE'RE AS DUMB AS MUD OURSELVES!


DUMBER. BUT THAT WILL BE CORRECTED... BY USING THESE *SMART BOMBS!*
I DON'T GET IT.


IT'S SIMPLE. WE DROP ONE OR TWO OF THESE ON OUR *OWN TROOPS* TO COUNTERACT THE EFFECT OF THE STUPID BOMBS!
YOU MEAN THESE THINGS MAKE YOU *SMART?*


YIKES!

EUREKA!
BOOM!
E=Mc².
I DON'T SEE HOW THIS COULD POSSIBLY WORK OUT TO MY ADVANTAGE.
YOU UNDERSTAND THAT I'M GOING TO TAKE OVER THIS ORGANIZATION AND RUN IT EFFICIENTLY FOR A CHANGE, NOTHING PERSONAL, OF COURSE.
I DON'T NEED A PARTNER.
BEING THE WORLD'S SMARTEST GENIUS, I HAVE DEDUCED THE LOCATION OF ALL YOUR SECRET TRAPS.
I'M BEGINNING TO NOT LIKE YOU.
8

I BELIEVE THE TRAP DOOR LEADS TO THE FIERY FRYGUY KINDERGARTEN.
ooh! LOOKIE! IT'S MR. KOOPA!
CAN I SIT ON YOUR LAP, MR. KOOPA?
Yeowtch! OWTCH! CAREFUL, KID, WILLYA?! YEOWW!
WHAT SHALL I DO FIRST--? GET FITTED FOR KING'S ROBES OR RAISE TAXES?
AH, DECISIONS, DECISIONS.
LATER...
I'M STARTING TO FEEL BRIGHTER.
DOES THAT MEAN LOWER LIGHTING BILLS?
SUDDENLY, I'M NO MORE CONFUSED THAN USUAL!
AND I'M SMART AGAIN! I REMEMBER HOW TO MAKE A LIST!
WHAT'S GOING ON? I DON'T FEEL ANY DIFFERENT.
LOOK WHAT WE GOT!!
THE SPOILS OF WAR--!
Who says THE KING IS DUMB?
MARIO
LUIGI
9

WAR? I VAGUELY RECALL SOMETHING ABOUT SOME STUPID WAR, BUT...
A STUPID WAR? AND NO ONE INVITED ME?
I'M A LITTLE FUZZY ON THIS "WAR" THING, TOO.
WELL, I'M SURE WE WON SOMETHING, I THINK, MAYBE... THESE THINGS.
WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY DO?
I DON'T KNOW. LET'S SET ONE OFF AND SEE!
UH, SIRS, PLEASE BE CAREFUL, THOSE DEVICES LOOK DANGEROUS.
WITH THE MINDS OF THEIR LEADERS DAMPENED, IS THE MUSHROOM KINGDOM DOOMED?
KA-STOOPID
NAH.
MY FELLOW KOOPATONIANS... BECAUSE OF MY CLEARLY SUPERIOR INTELLECT, I WILL HENCHFORTH BE YOUR RULER. LISTEN TO WHAT I SAY!
YOU KNOW, IF YOU SMASH TWO OF THESE STUPID BOMBS TOGETHER, YOU GET AN EVEN BIGGER BOOM!!
I HAVE ONE, TOO! THAT MAKES FIVE!!
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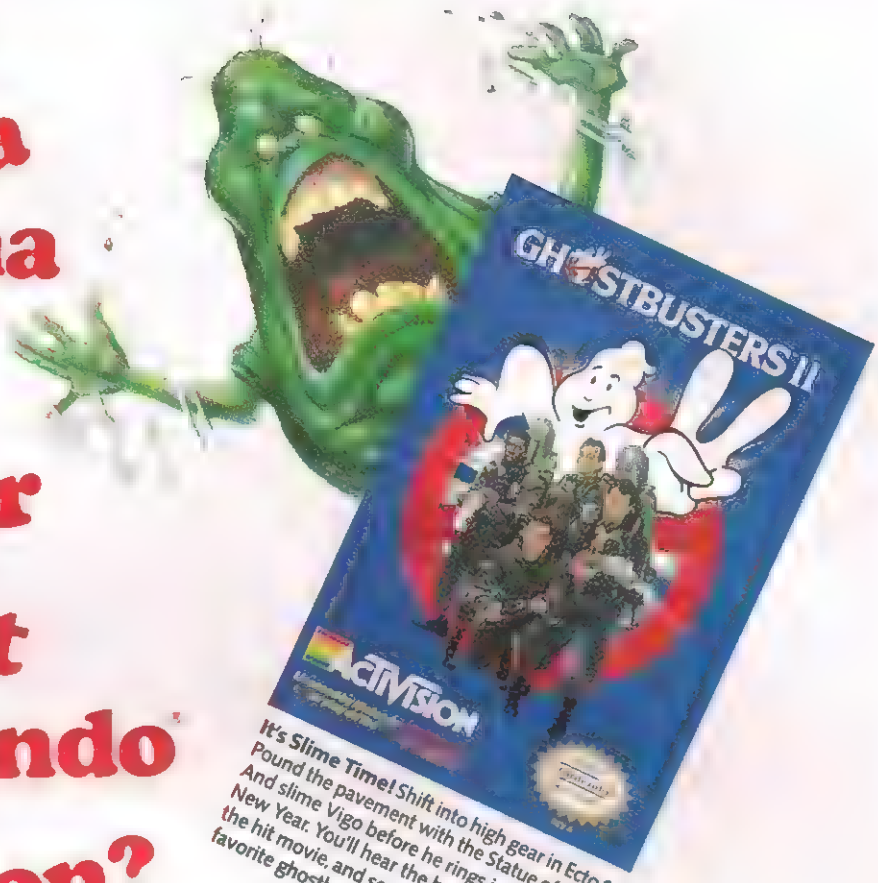

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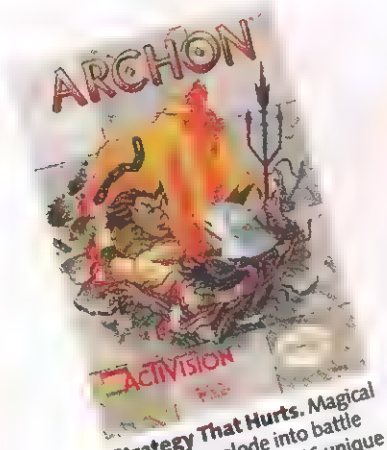

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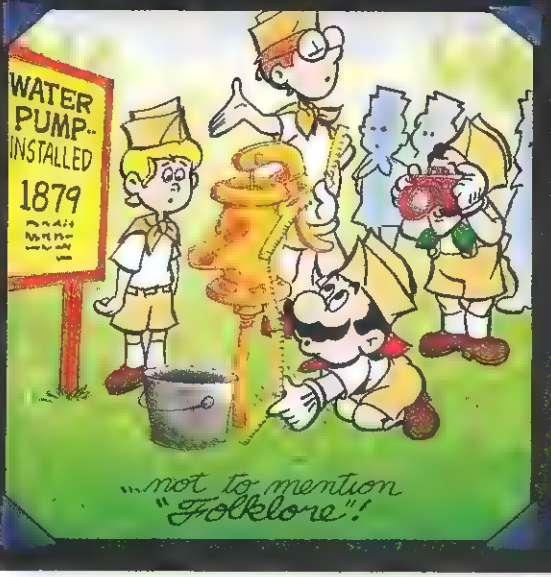

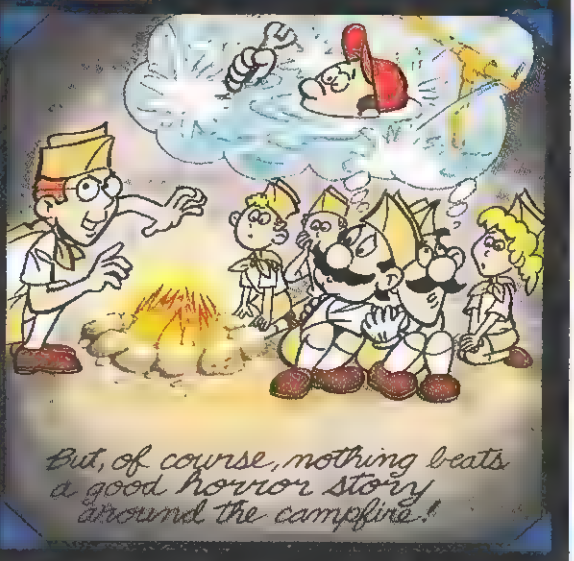

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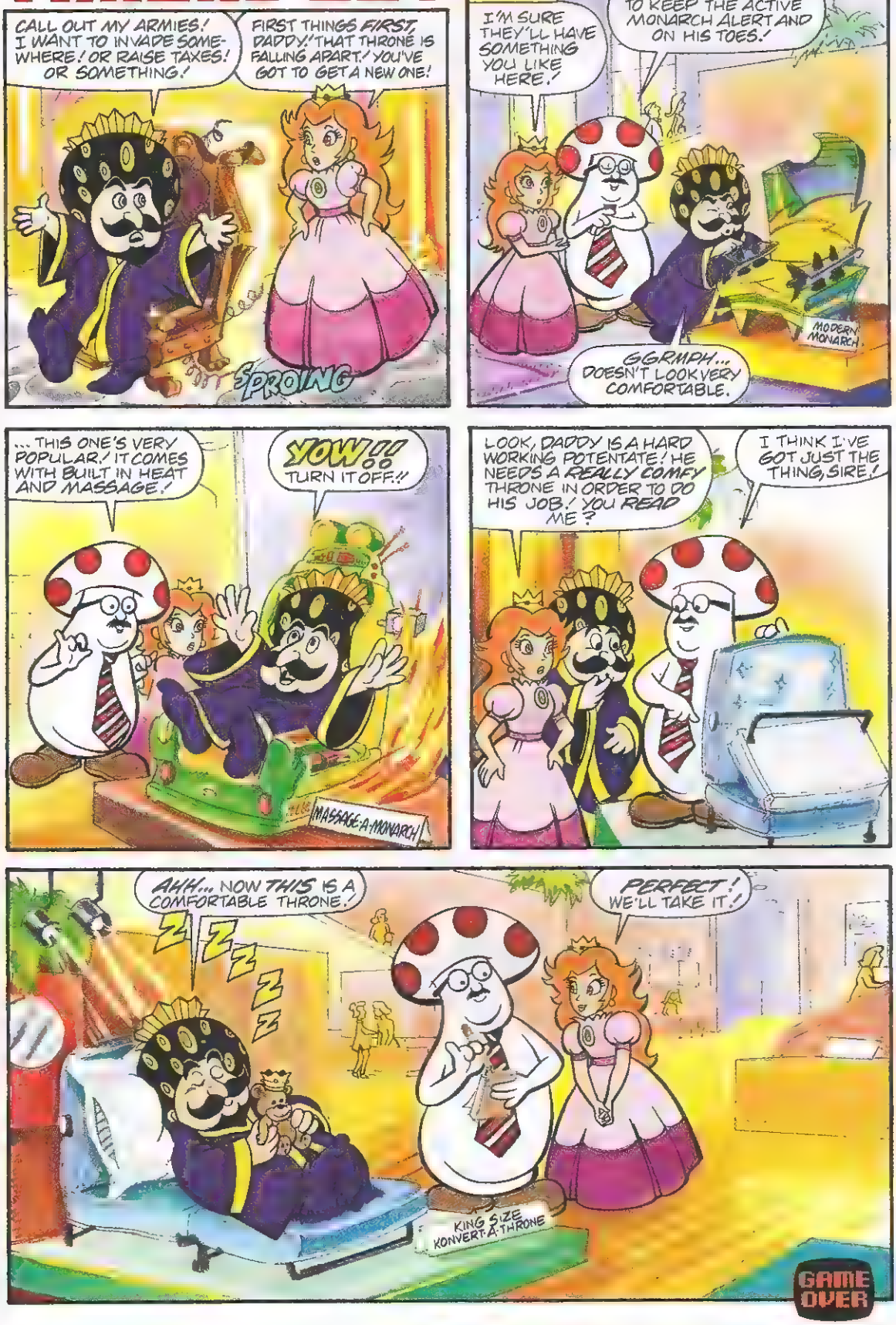
CALL OUT MY ARMIES! I WANT TO INVADE SOMEWHERE! OR RAISE TAXES! OR SOMETHING!
FIRST THINGS FIRST, DADDY! THAT THRONE IS FALLING APART. YOU'VE GOT TO GET A NEW ONE!
SPROING
SOON...
I'M SURE THEY'LL HAVE SOMETHING YOU LIKE HERE.
THIS ONE'S DESIGNED TO KEEP THE ACTIVE MONARCH ALERT AND ON HIS TOES.
MODERN MONARCH
GGRMPH... DOESN'T LOOK VERY COMFORTABLE.
... THIS ONE'S VERY POPULAR. IT COMES WITH BUILT IN HEAT AND MASSAGE.
YOW!! TURN IT OFF.!!
MASSAGE-A-MONARCH
LOOK, DADDY IS A HARD WORKING POTENTATE. HE NEEDS A REALLY COMFY THRONE IN ORDER TO DO HIS JOB. YOU READ ME?
I THINK I'VE GOT JUST THE THING, SIRE.
AHH... NOW THIS IS A COMFORTABLE THRONE.
Z Z Z Z Z
PERFECT! WE'LL TAKE IT.
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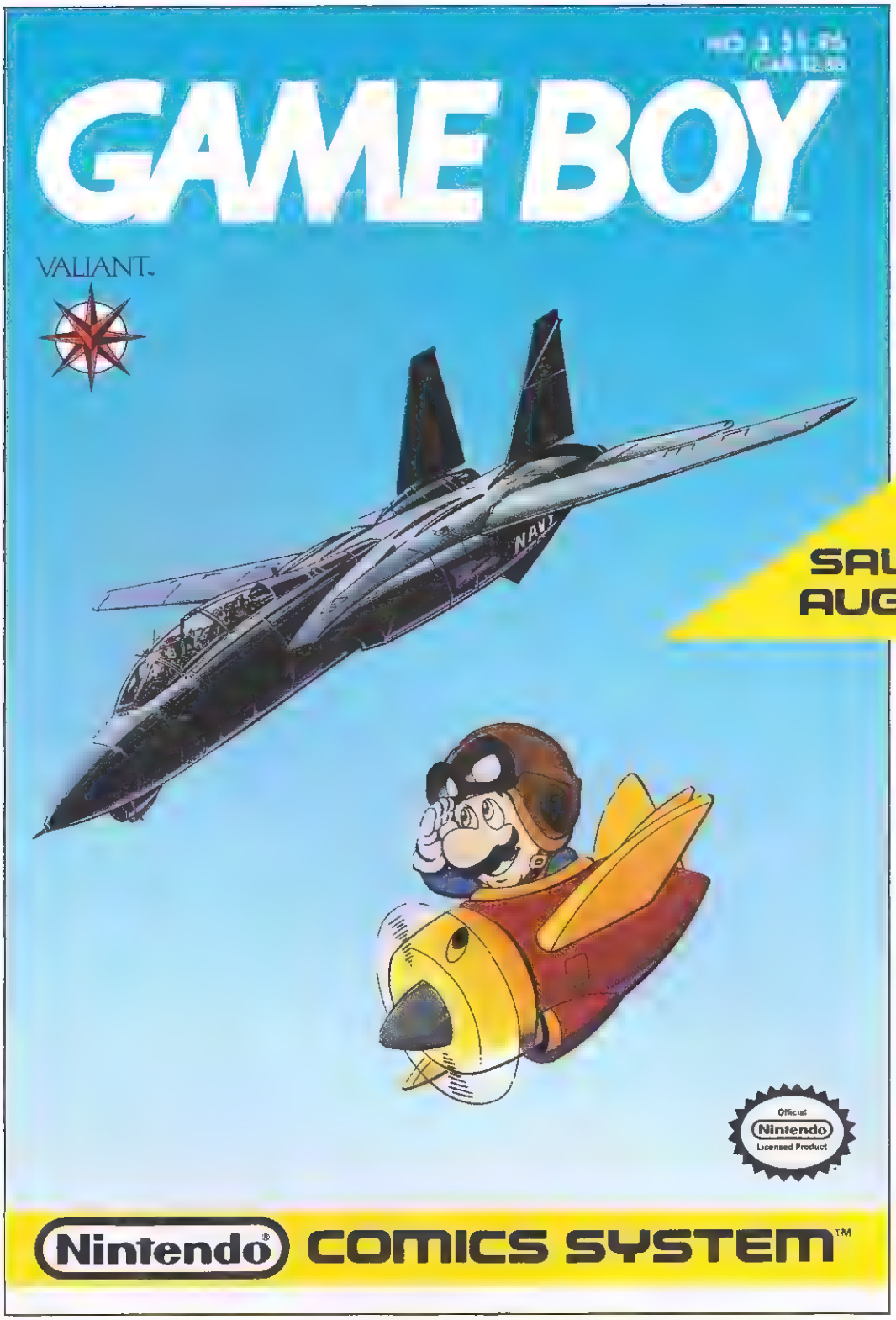

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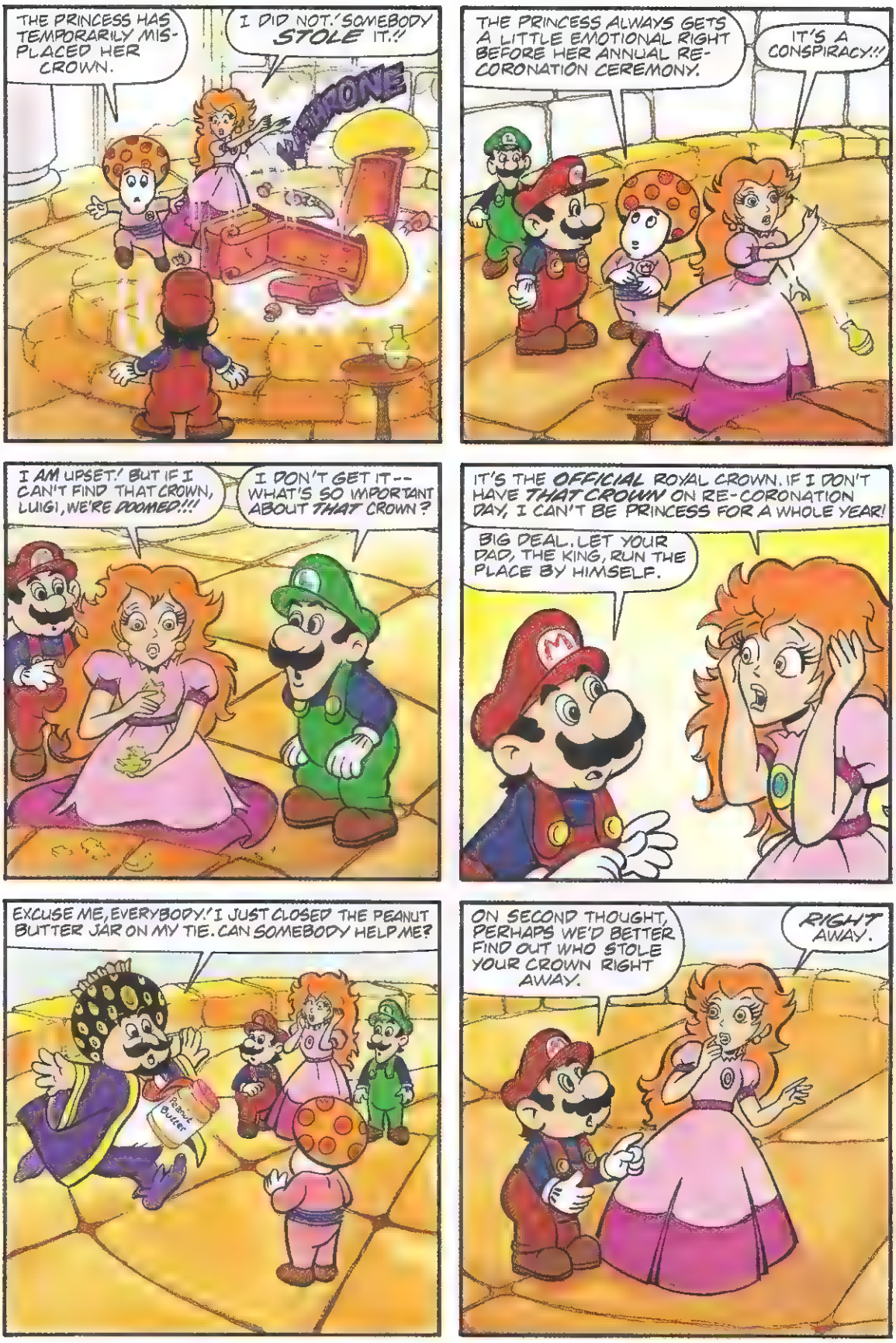
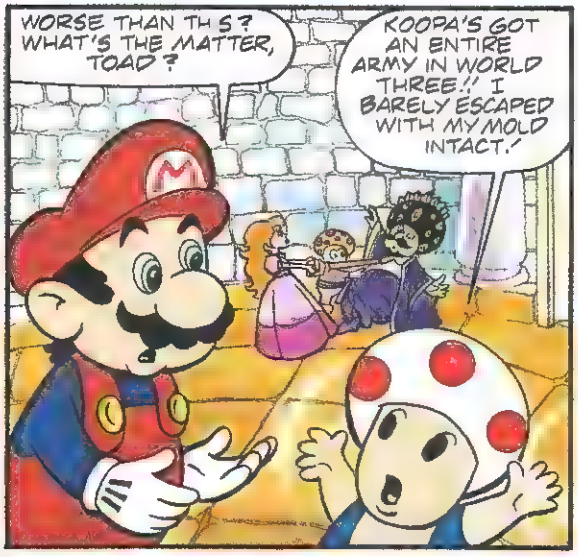
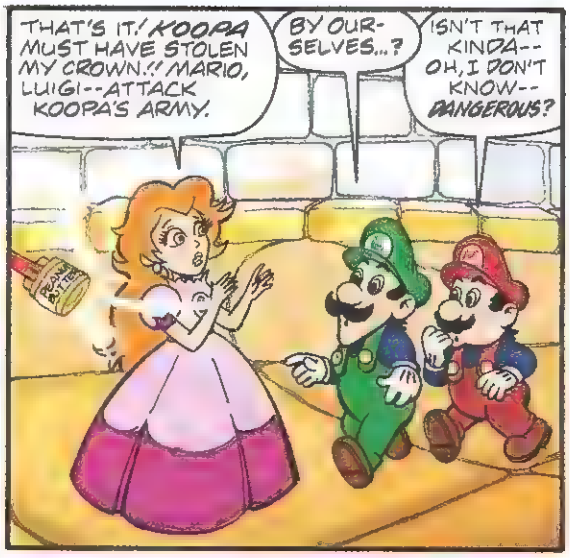
CLOUD BURST
OKAY WOOSTER-- COME CLEAN! WHERE'D YOU STASH IT?
HONESTLY, PRINCESS. I HAVEN'T "STASHED" ANYTHING.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
RATS, I'D HOPED HE WAS LYING.
IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL ANY BETTER, I'LL LIE TO YOU!
THANKS, MARIO. BUT IN THIS CASE, IT WOULDN'T HELP.
THE PRINCESS, THROUGH HER OWN CARELESSNESS, HAS LOST SOMETHING RATHER VALUABLE.
WHAT?

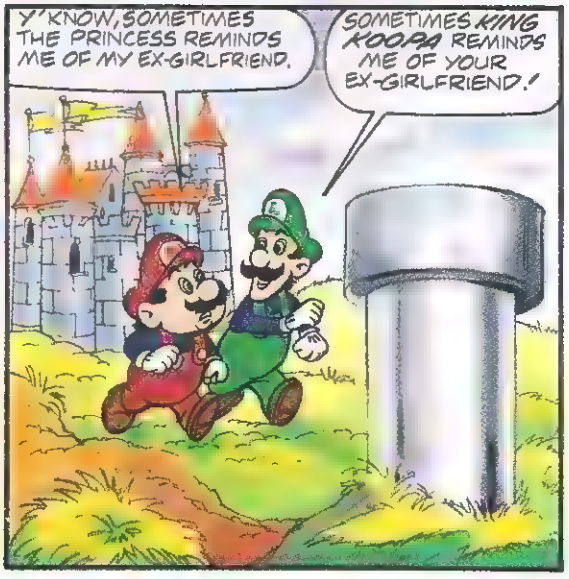

THE PRINCESS HAS TEMPORARILY MISPLACED HER CROWN.
I DID NOT! SOMEBODY STOLE IT!!
THRONE
THE PRINCESS ALWAYS GETS A LITTLE EMOTIONAL RIGHT BEFORE HER ANNUAL RE-CORONATION CEREMONY.
IT'S A CONSPIRACY!!!
I AM UPSET! BUT IF I CAN'T FIND THAT CROWN, LUIGI, WE'RE DOOMED!!!
I DON'T GET IT -- WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT THAT CROWN?
IT'S THE OFFICIAL ROYAL CROWN. IF I DON'T HAVE THAT CROWN ON RE-CORONATION DAY, I CAN'T BE PRINCESS FOR A WHOLE YEAR!
BIG DEAL. LET YOUR DAD, THE KING, RUN THE PLACE BY HIMSELF.
EXCUSE ME, EVERYBODY! I JUST CLOSED THE PEANUT BUTTER JAR ON MY TIE. CAN SOMEBODY HELP ME?
Peanut Butter
ON SECOND THOUGHT, PERHAPS WE'D BETTER FIND OUT WHO STOLE YOUR CROWN RIGHT AWAY.
RIGHT AWAY.

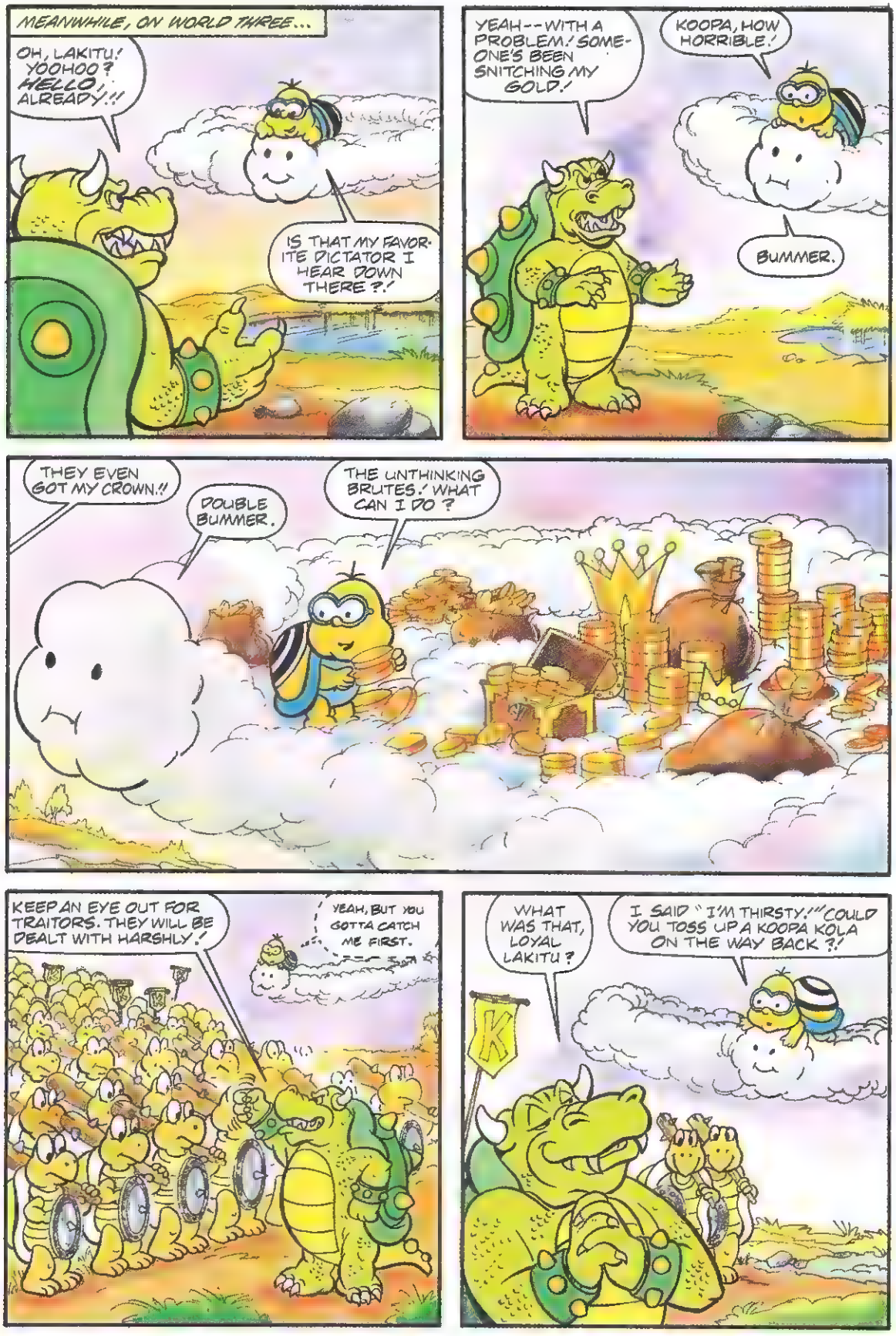
WHAT DID YOU DO TO GET THIS JAR STUCK ON LIKE THIS?!
I DUNNO. I'M SORRY.
DROP EVERYTHING, GUYS-- I'VE GOT BAD NEWS.!!
PEANUT BUTTER


WORSE THAN THIS? WHAT'S THE MATTER, TOAD?
KOOPA'S GOT AN ENTIRE ARMY IN WORLD THREE.!! I BARELY ESCAPED WITH MY MOLD INTACT.!


THAT'S IT.! KOOPA MUST HAVE STOLEN MY CROWN.!! MARIO, LUIGI--ATTACK KOOPA'S ARMY.
BY OURSELVES...?
ISN'T THAT KINDA-- OH, I DON'T KNOW-- DANGEROUS?

YES.


Y'KNOW, SOMETIMES THE PRINCESS REMINDS ME OF MY EX-GIRLFRIEND.
SOMETIMES KING KOOPA REMINDS ME OF YOUR EX-GIRLFRIEND.!


MEANWHILE, ON WORLD THREE...
OH, LAKITU! YOOHOO? HELLO! ALREADY.!!
IS THAT MY FAVORITE DICTATOR I HEAR DOWN THERE?!
YEAH--WITH A PROBLEM! SOMEONE'S BEEN SNITCHING MY GOLD!
KOOPA, HOW HORRIBLE!
BUMMER.
THEY EVEN GOT MY CROWN.!!
DOUBLE BUMMER.
THE UNTHINKING BRUTES! WHAT CAN I DO?
KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR TRAITORS. THEY WILL BE DEALT WITH HARSHLY!
YEAH, BUT YOU GOTTA CATCH ME FIRST.
WHAT WAS THAT, LOYAL LAKITU?
I SAID "I'M THIRSTY." COULD YOU TOSS UP A KOOPA KOLA ON THE WAY BACK?!
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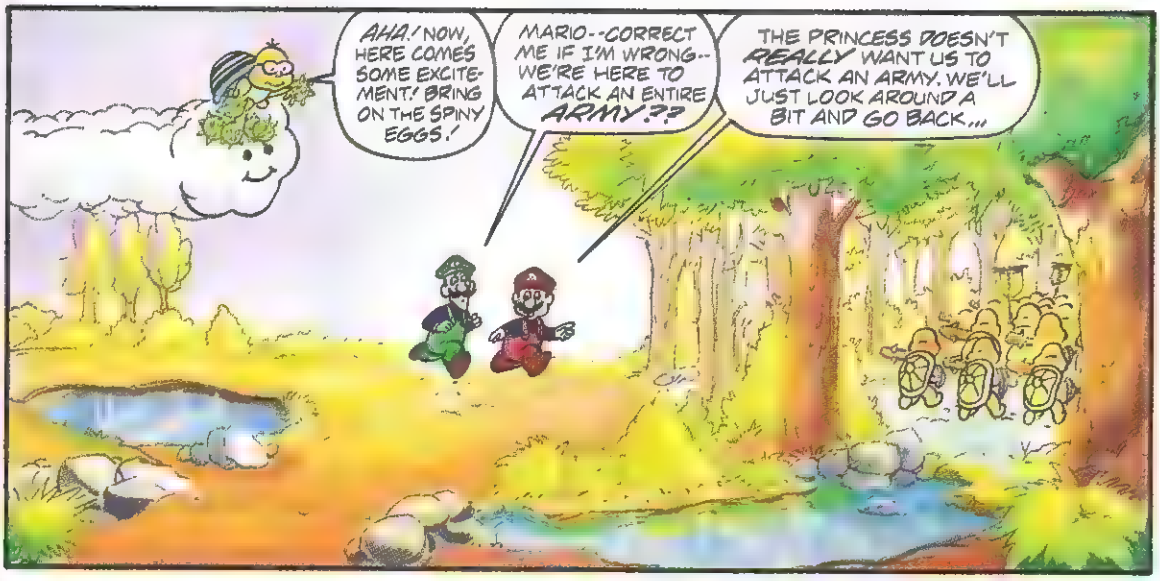
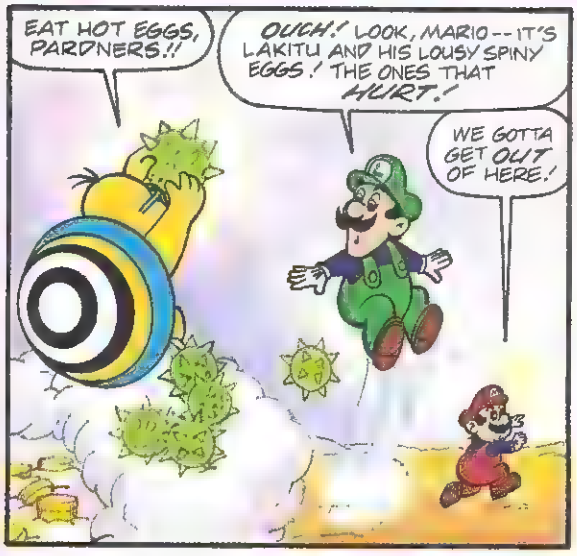
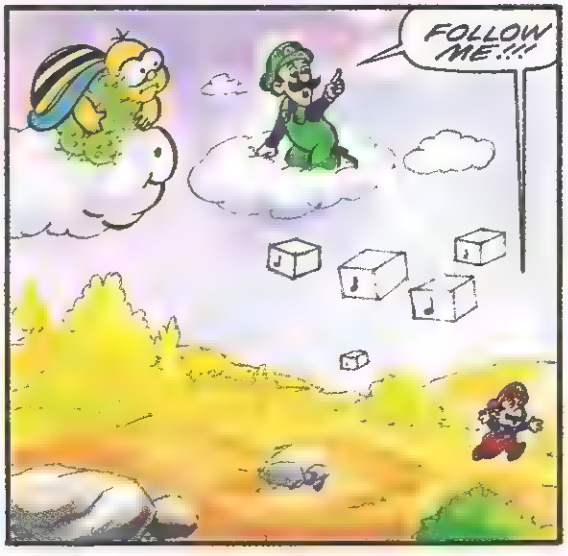
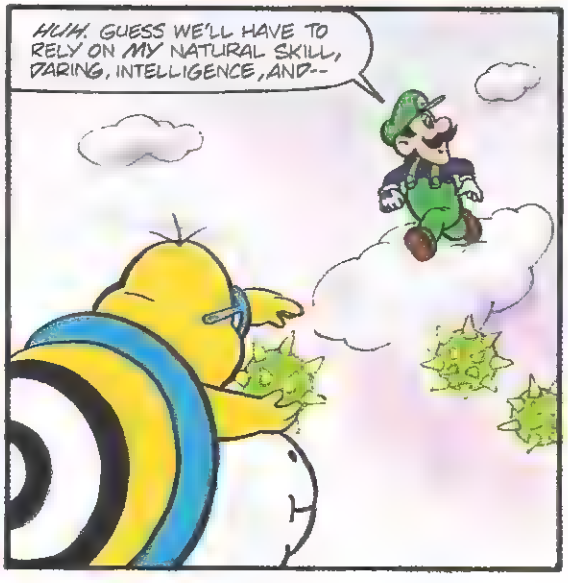
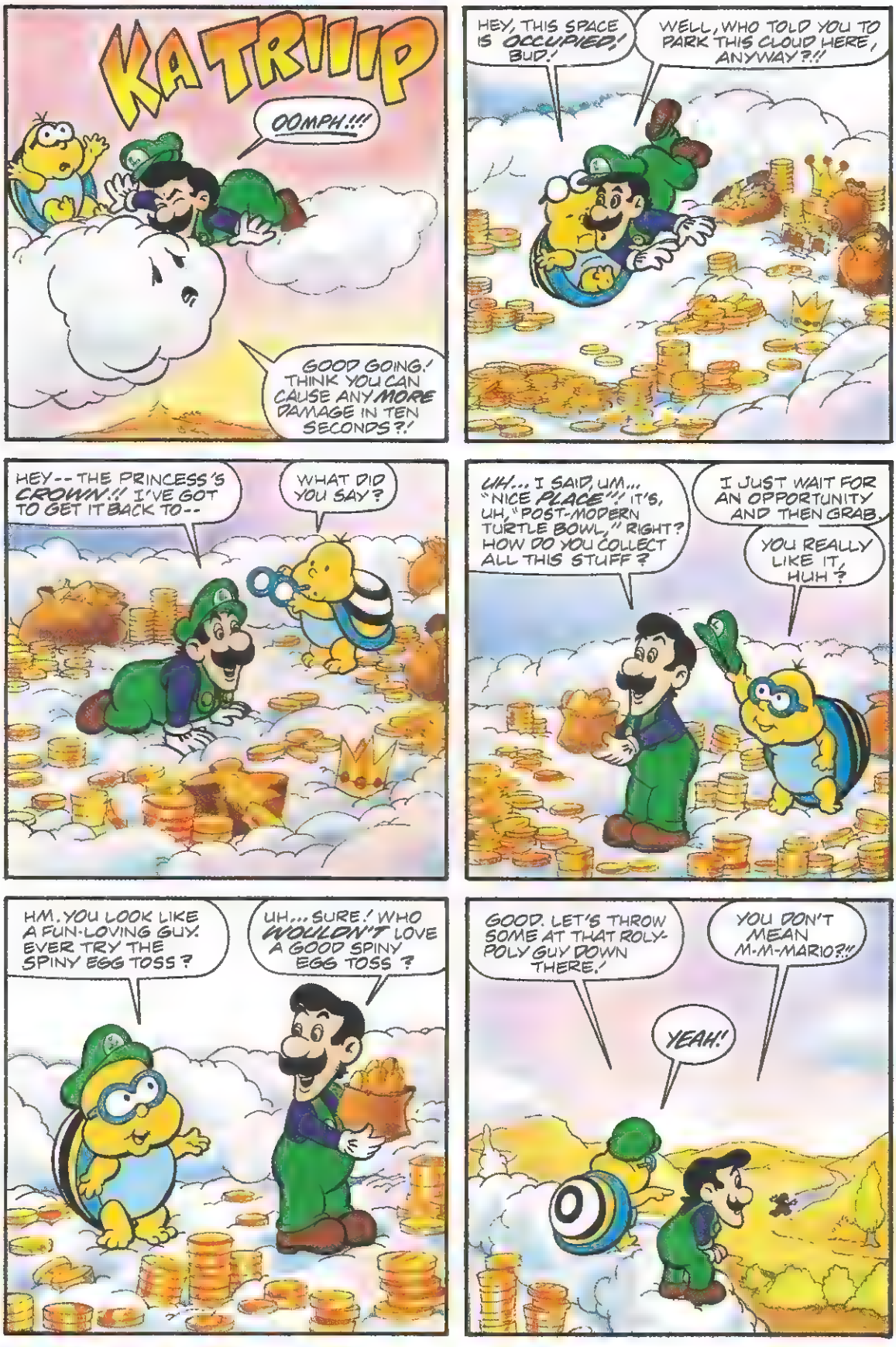

AHA! NOW, HERE COMES SOME EXCITEMENT! BRING ON THE SPINY EGGS!
MARIO--CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG--WE'RE HERE TO ATTACK AN ENTIRE ARMY?!?
THE PRINCESS DOESN'T REALLY WANT US TO ATTACK AN ARMY. WE'LL JUST LOOK AROUND A BIT AND GO BACK...


EAT HOT EGGS, PARDNERS!!
OUCH! LOOK, MARIO--IT'S LAKITU AND HIS LOUSY SPINY EGGS! THE ONES THAT HURT!
WE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE!


FOLLOW ME!!!

ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST!
BUT, MARIO, SHOULDN'T WE TRY TO STOP HIM?


HUM. GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO RELY ON MY NATURAL SKILL, DARING, INTELLIGENCE, AND--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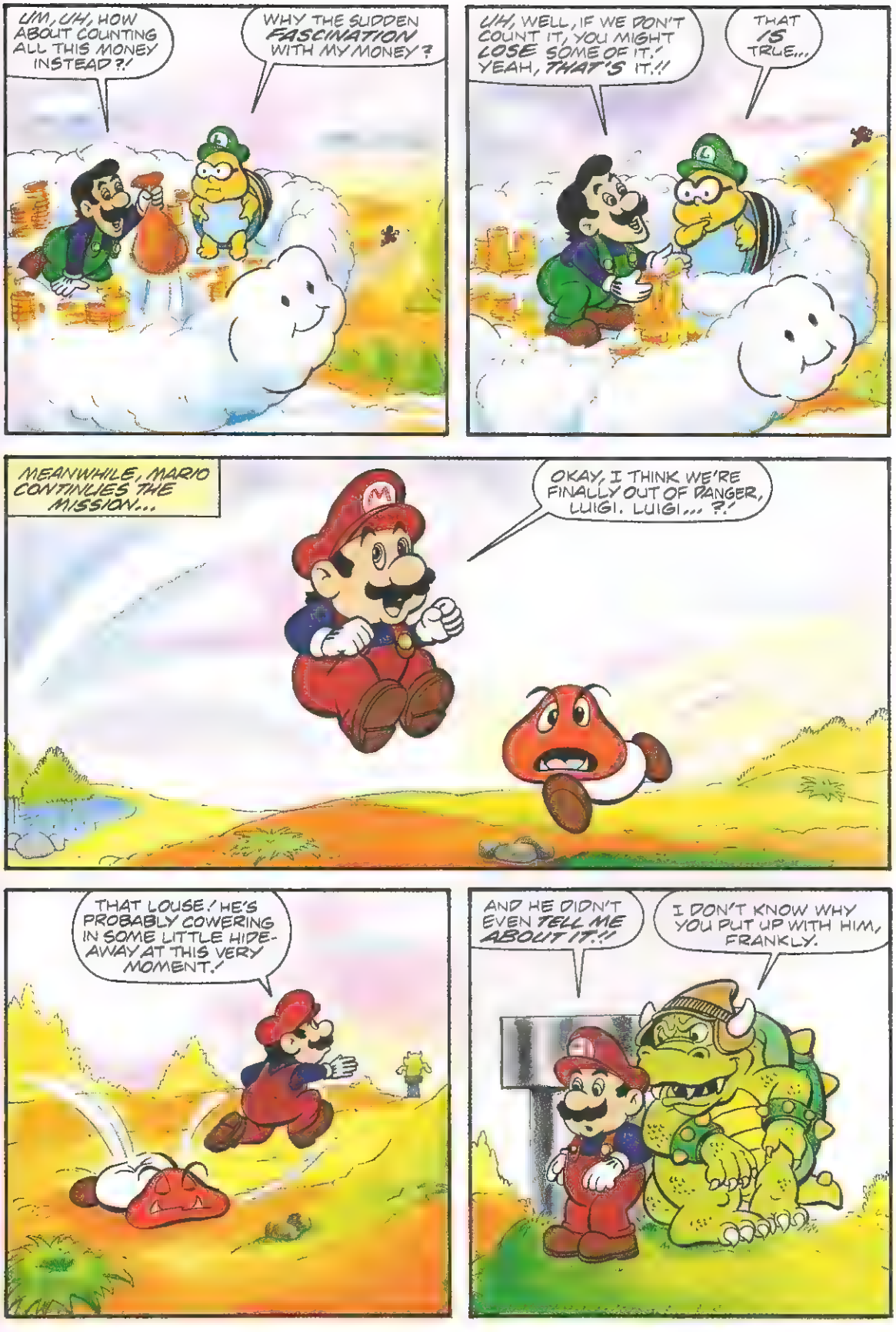
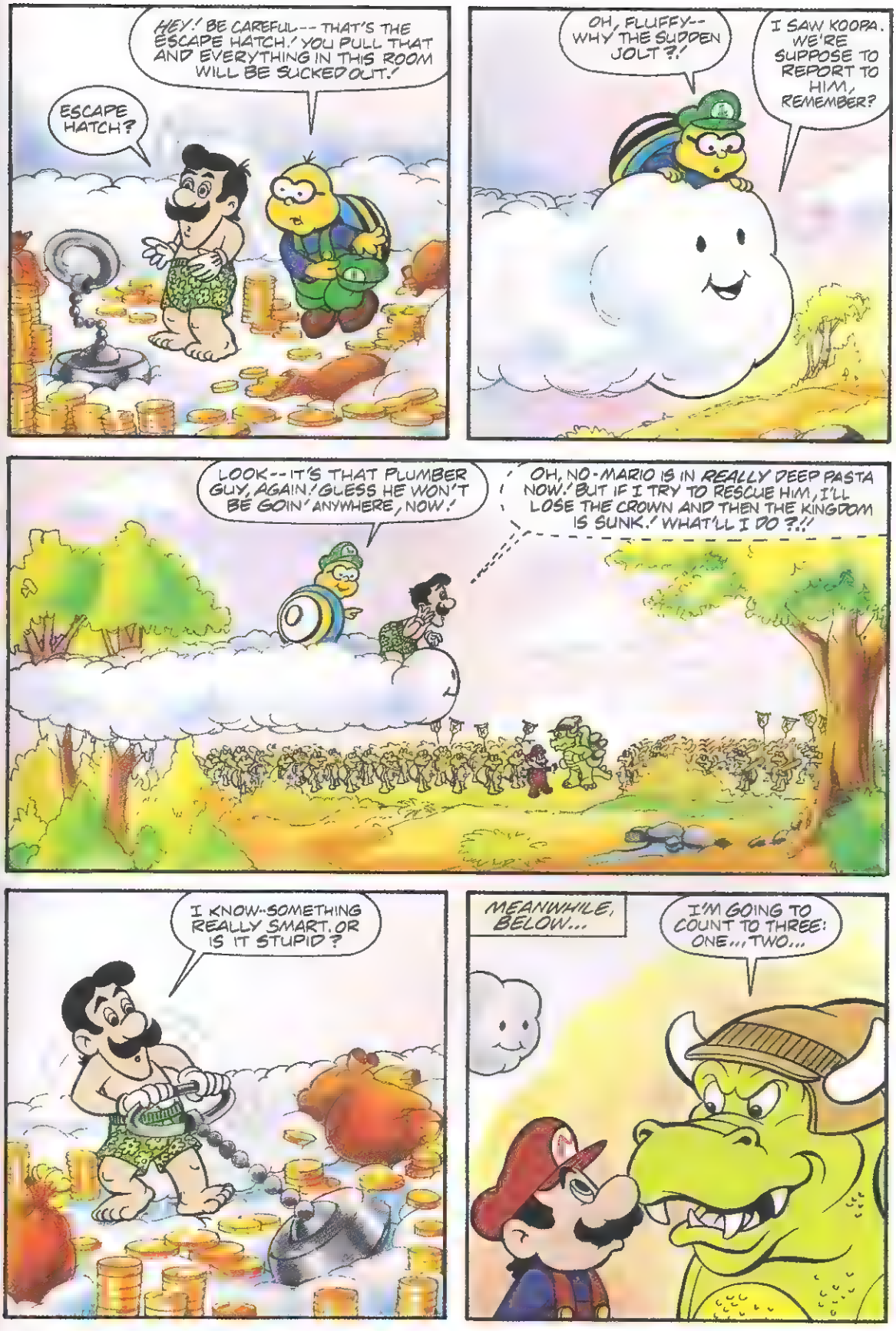
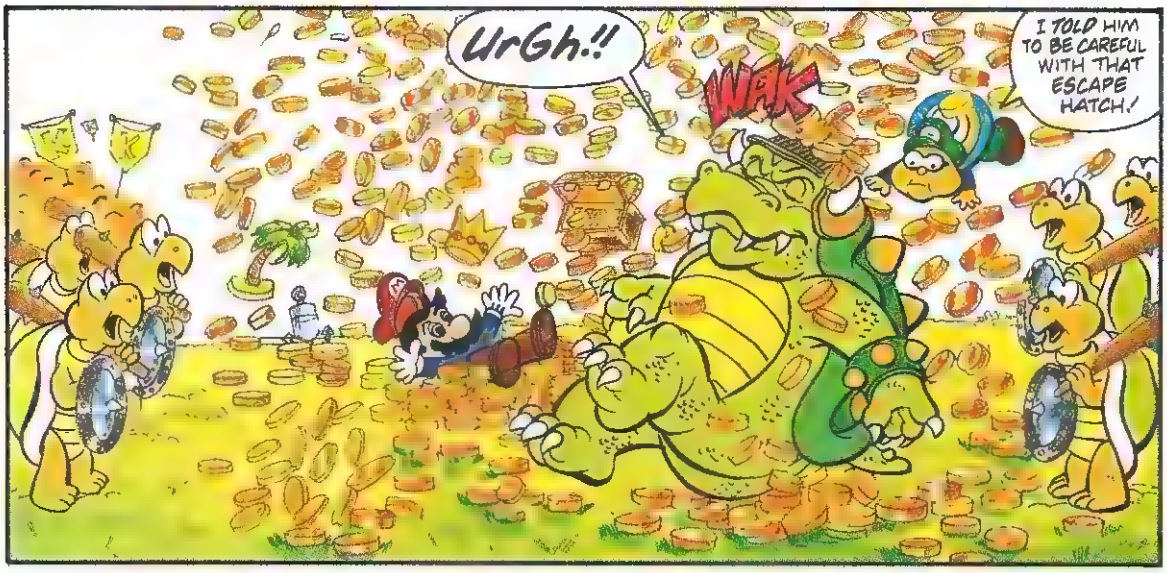
OOMPH!!!
GOOD GOING! THINK YOU CAN CAUSE ANY MORE DAMAGE IN TEN SECONDS?!
HEY, THIS SPACE IS OCCUPIED, BUD!
WELL, WHO TOLD YOU TO PARK THIS CLOUD HERE, ANYWAY?!!
HEY -- THE PRINCESS'S CROWN!! I'VE GOT TO GET IT BACK TO--
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
UH... I SAID, UM... "NICE PLACE"! IT'S, UH, "POST-MODERN TURTLE BOWL," RIGHT? HOW DO YOU COLLECT ALL THIS STUFF?
I JUST WAIT FOR AN OPPORTUNITY AND THEN GRAB,
YOU REALLY LIKE IT, HUH?
HM. YOU LOOK LIKE A FUN-LOVING GUY. EVER TRY THE SPINY EGG TOSS?
UH... SURE! WHO WOULDN'T LOVE A GOOD SPINY EGG TOSS?
GOOD. LET'S THROW SOME AT THAT ROLY-POLY GUY DOWN THERE.'
YOU DON'T MEAN M-M-MARIO?!!
YEAH!


UM, UH, HOW ABOUT COUNTING ALL THIS MONEY INSTEAD?!
WHY THE SUDDEN FASCINATION WITH MY MONEY?
UH, WELL, IF WE DON'T COUNT IT, YOU MIGHT LOSE SOME OF IT.! YEAH, THAT'S IT.!!
THAT IS TRUE...
MEANWHILE, MARIO CONTINUES THE MISSION...
OKAY, I THINK WE'RE FINALLY OUT OF DANGER, LUIGI. LUIGI... ?!
THAT LOUSE.! HE'S PROBABLY COWERING IN SOME LITTLE HIDE-AWAY AT THIS VERY MOMENT.!
AND HE DIDN'T EVEN TELL ME ABOUT IT.!!
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU PUT UP WITH HIM, FRANKLY.

UH... I LIKE THE HAT--NEW LOOK?!
SOMEONE STOLE MY CROWN. I GOTTA WEAR A HAT.
IS THAT SO.!
I'M BALD, AND THE TOP OF MY HEAD FRECKLES EASILY. I'M A BIT SENSITIVE ABOUT IT.!
BUT, THIS ISN'T SOMETHING YOU WISH TO DISCUSS. IS IT.?
NO, NO--NOT AT ALL. UH, WHAT DO I WANT TO DISCUSS?
YOU WANT TO TELL ME WHERE MY CROWN IS... WHILE YOU'RE STILL ABLE.!
YOU KNOW, A GOOD BARBER COULD DO WONDERS WITH THAT NOSE HAIR...
ABOVE, IN LAKITU'S CLOUD...
GEE, YOU SURE HAVE STOLEN A LOT OF STUFF.!
BY THE WAY, THOSE CLOTHES YOU'RE WEARING LOOK VERY FAMILIAR...
SHUT UP AND KEEP CLEANING!
BRAAAAKKEE
YOWZ! WHO SLAMMED ON THE BRAKES?


HEY! BE CAREFUL-- THAT'S THE ESCAPE HATCH! YOU PULL THAT AND EVERYTHING IN THIS ROOM WILL BE SUCKED OUT!
ESCAPE HATCH?
OH, FLUFFY-- WHY THE SUDDEN JOLT?!
I SAW KOOPA. WE'RE SUPPOSE TO REPORT TO HIM, REMEMBER?
LOOK-- IT'S THAT PLUMBER GUY, AGAIN! GUESS HE WON'T BE GOIN' ANYWHERE, NOW!
OH, NO - MARIO IS IN REALLY DEEP PASTA NOW! BUT IF I TRY TO RESCUE HIM, I'LL LOSE THE CROWN AND THEN THE KINGDOM IS SUNK! WHAT'LL I DO?!!
I KNOW--SOMETHING REALLY SMART. OR IS IT STUPID?
MEANWHILE, BELOW...
I'M GOING TO COUNT TO THREE: ONE... TWO...


UrGh.!!
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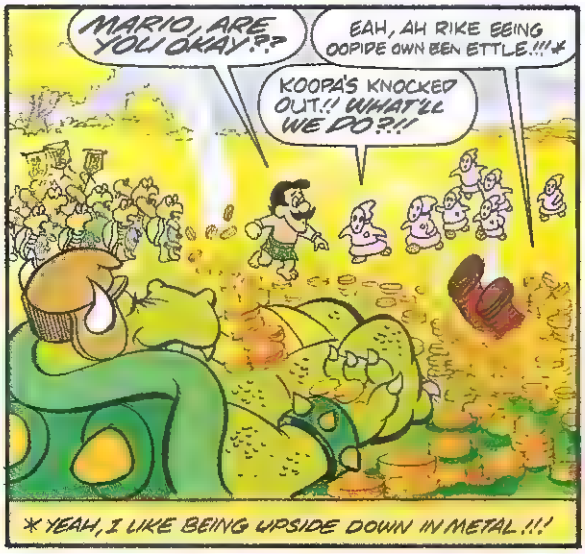
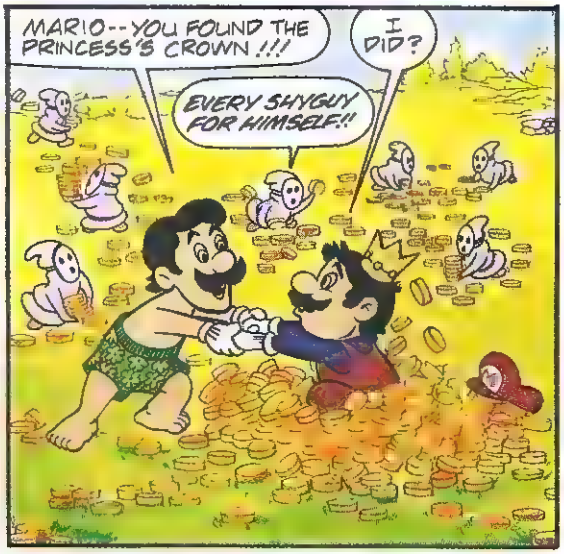
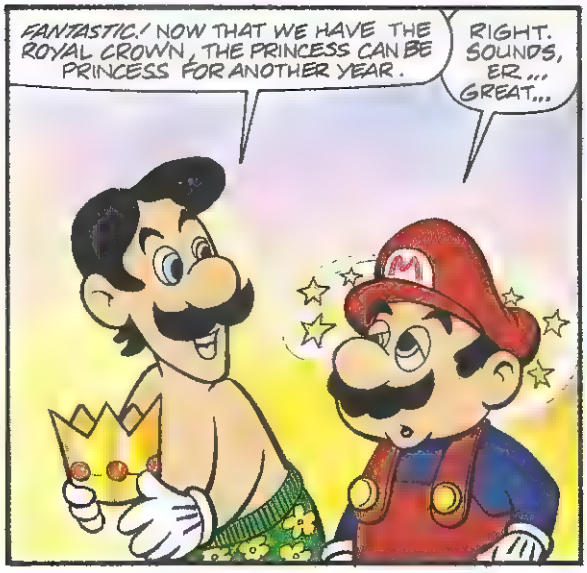
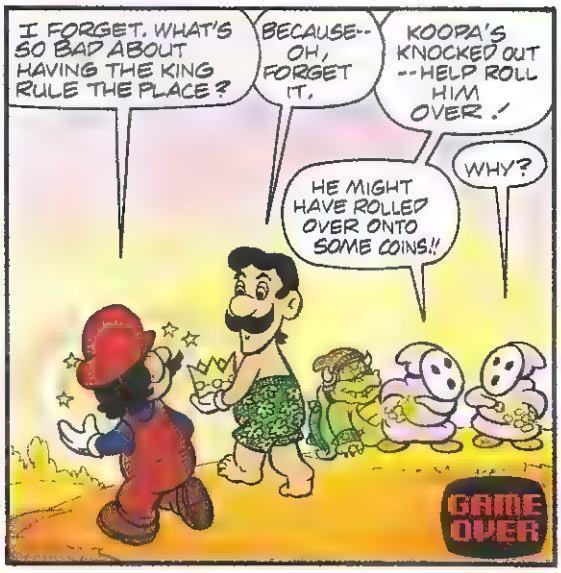
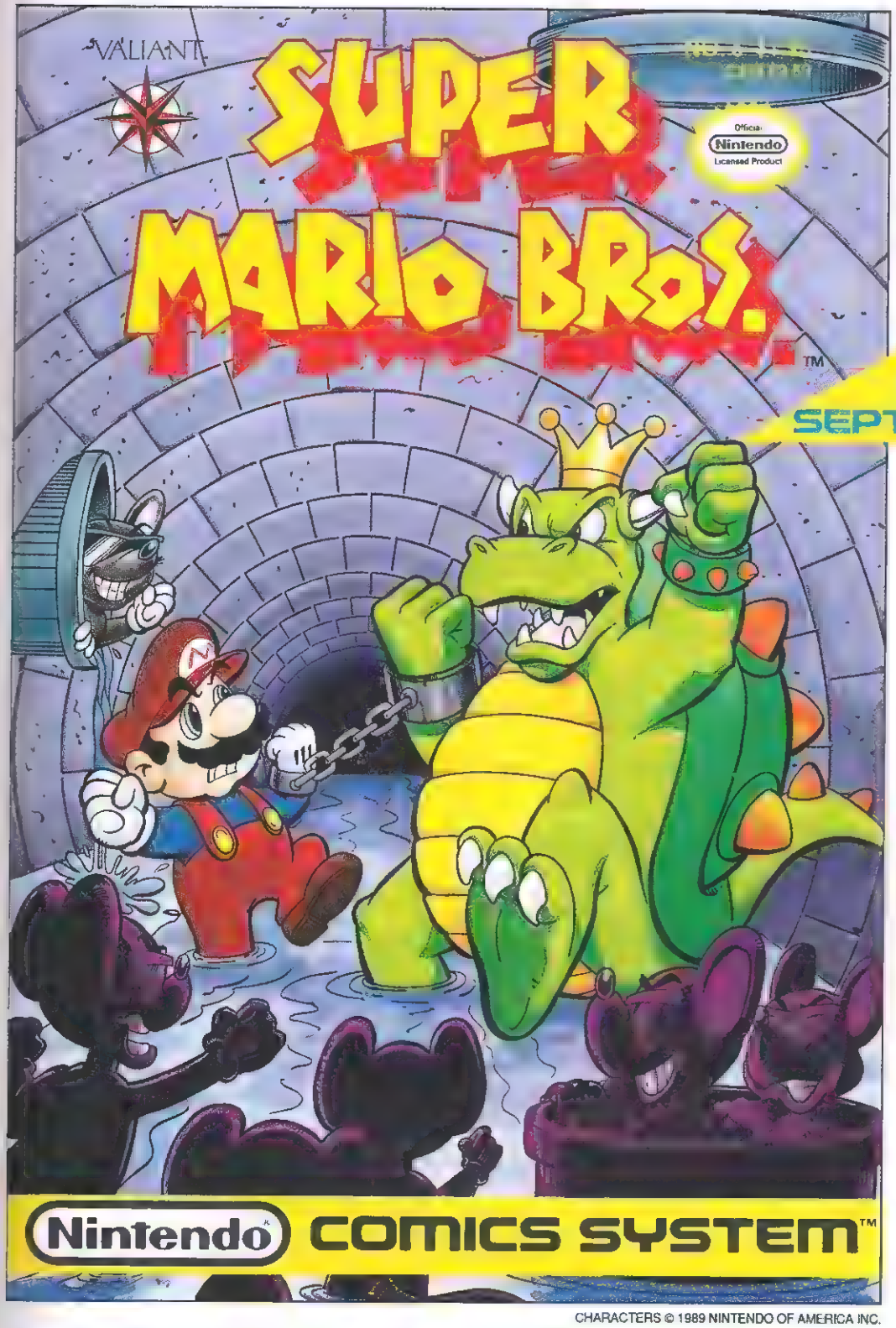
I TOLD HIM TO BE CAREFUL WITH THAT ESCAPE HATCH!


MARIO, ARE YOU OKAY?!?
EAH, AH RIKE EEING OOPIDE OWN BEN ETTLE.!!!*
KOOPA'S KNOCKED OUT.!! WHAT'LL WE DO?!!
* YEAH, I LIKE BEING UPSIDE DOWN IN METAL.!!!


MARIO--YOU FOUND THE PRINCESS'S CROWN!!!
I DID?
EVERY SHYGUY FOR HIMSELF!!


FANTASTIC.! NOW THAT WE HAVE THE ROYAL CROWN, THE PRINCESS CAN BE PRINCESS FOR ANOTHER YEAR.
RIGHT. SOUNDS, ER... GREAT...


I FORGET. WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT HAVING THE KING RULE THE PLACE?
BECAUSE-- OH, FORGET IT.
KOOPA'S KNOCKED OUT --HELP ROLL HIM OVER.!
WHY?
HE MIGHT HAVE ROLLED OVER ONTO SOME COINS!!
GAME OVER



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Dear VALIANT,

I expected Super Mario Bros. to be a child-geared product that would require you to be either eight years old or have a frontal lobotomy to enjoy. Boy, was I wrong.

Super Mario Bros. is, as you described it on the inside cover of #1, fast-paced, intelligent, sophisticated, literate, intriguing and funny.

On to the constructive criticism. I want to see more of Luigi and the seven Koopabrats.

Alan Baugh
Indianapolis, IN

Alan, are you saying that being eight years old is equivalent to having part of your brain missing? No wonder we had trouble with third grade...

Dear Mario and Luigi,

I'm eight years old and I love your Super Mario Bros. comics. But sometimes I don't understand all the words.

Hansen Tillman
Netcong, NJ

We can relate, Hansen. Hang in there. Third grade doesn't last forever.

Dear Voyager Communications,

I was super-glued to "Kingdom Enquirer." I like the part where Toad says, "Crazed plumber threatens ace reporter. Sez he: 'Free speech is for saps'"! I like 'em 'cause they're funny.

Albert Sucbow
Milwaukee, WI

Albert, we hope we spelled your last name right. Your signature is as hard to read as our third-grade reader was.

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Gentlemen:

Recently, my five-year-old son Matthew asked me to read Super Mario Bros. to him. As I did, I found myself laughing out loud. These things aren't just for kids. Halfway through the first story, I began to worry that it might be over Matthew's head — but, no, because it was Mario Bros., and therefore familiar territory, he seemed to have no trouble. Thanks for the great entertainment, literally for all ages. Our one constructive criticism: occasionally, elements in the story are not exactly representative of the games. Aside from that, keep up the excellent work.

Charles Leigh
Boston, MA

Thanks for the kind words. We're working hard to make game-intensive, game-accurate stories for every reader from six to sixty-six—even those eight-year olds!

Dear Mario Friends,

I really like your comics twice as much as the game.

Michelle Johnson
Montgomery, AL

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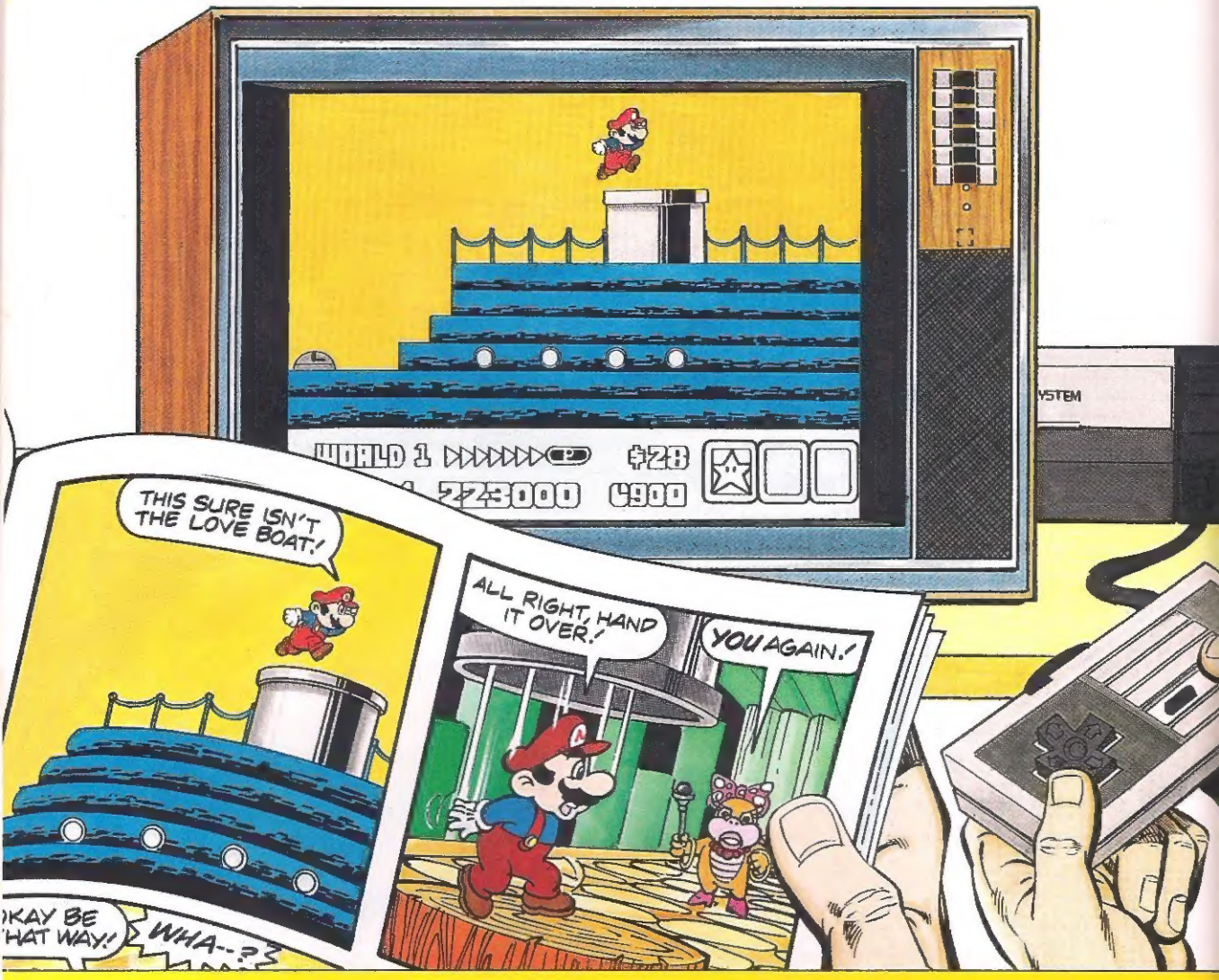

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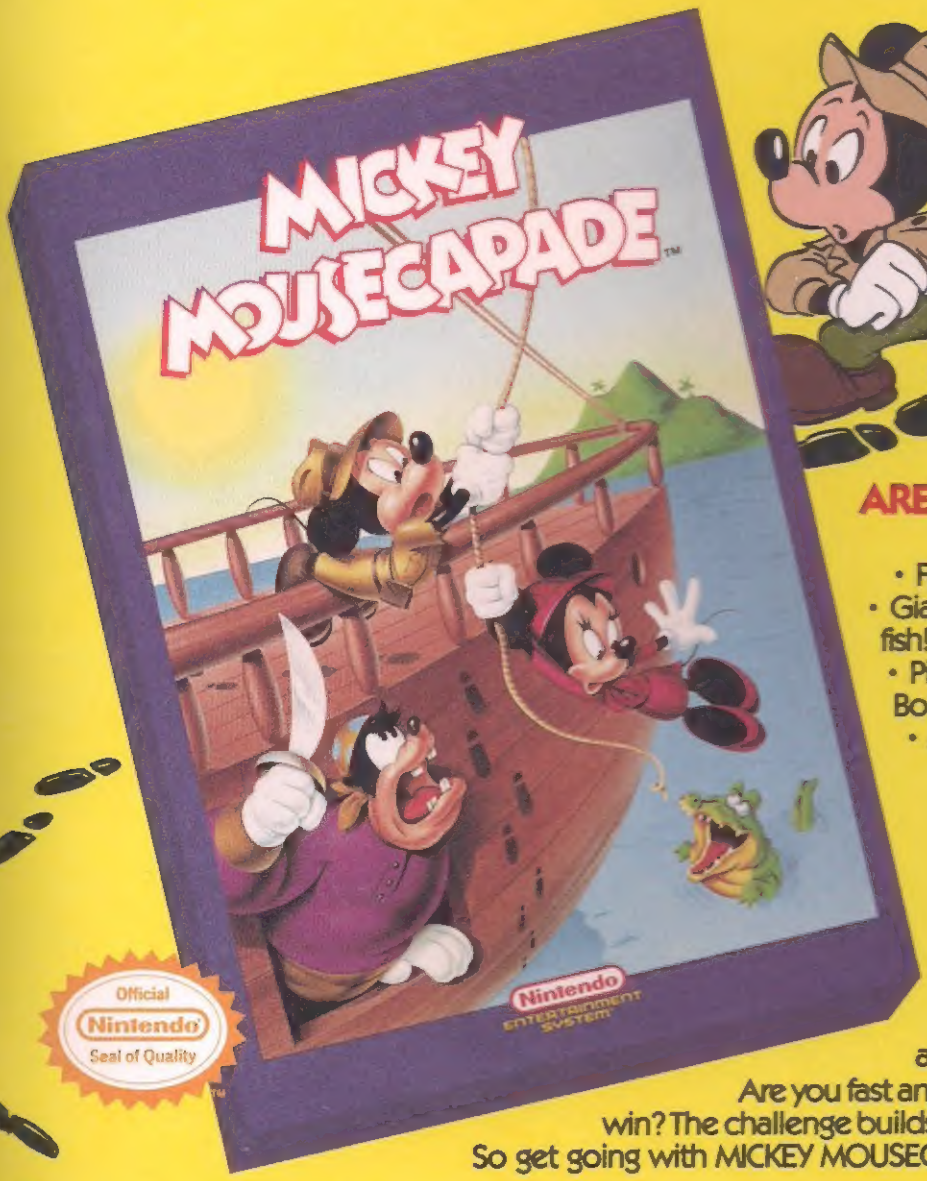

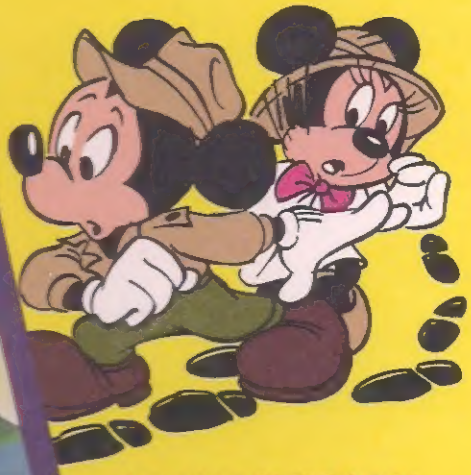

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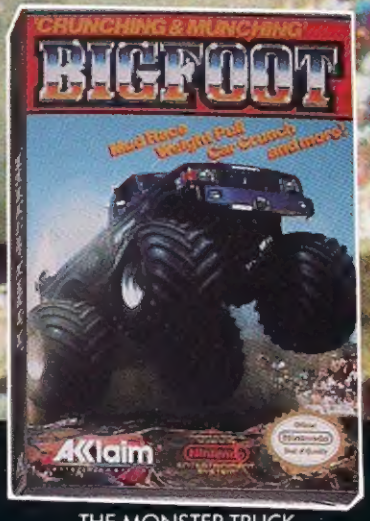

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